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EXPANSION OF THE DEWEY DECIMAL SYSTEM OF CLASSIFICATION FOR THE HISTORY OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST.

The following expansion of the Dewey Classification has been prepared to meet the needs of the University of Washington Library in classifying its books and pamphlets upon the history of the Pacific Northwest. At the request of neighboring librarians, its publication is permitted with the thought that it may prove helpful. It is not expected that its field of usefulness will extend outside of the region of Old Oregon.

The University of Washington Library employs the Dewey Decimal Classification, a system now in general use in the Northwest, as well as elsewhere throughout the United States and abroad. One of the most admirable features of this well-known system is its expansiveness by use of further decimals, permitting subdivision and growth. It has thus been possible, without the change of any numbers now in use, to add such extensions to the Dewey numbers as provide for the special topics and regions of the Pacific Northwest.

Hoping to make clear the scope and purpose of this classification, a few words of explanation are offered:

1. This is an expansion only; not an entire system. It is not to be used independently, but strictly as a supplement to Dewey. While no Dewey numbers are used with changed meanings, it should be noted that the Dewey 979.5, Oregon, is taken to mean Oregon in its early significance, covering the entire region between the parallels of 42 degrees and 54 degrees, 40 minutes, north latitude, and extending from the Rocky Mountains to the Pacific Ocean. It thus becomes the number for general Pacific Northwest History, and the State of Oregon is limited to 979.53.

2. In subdividing, the attempt has been made to follow as closely as possible the spirit of the Dewey system. County subdivisions have been worked out for the States of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana, and the general scheme of grouping by counties has been followed. Where possible, unassigned places are provided for future division of large counties into smaller ones.

3. In providing for special topics, only the broadest and most obviously necessary subjects have been given numbers.

For the ordinary library, a too minute classification is to be discouraged. Broader heads give fewer alphabets through which a patron must look for a given book upon the shelf. A careful use of book numbers tends to bring together nearly related books, and thus answers many of the purposes of classification. For those who wish, however, to classify more closely, further subdivision can be made.

4. Many books of interest in connection with the history of the Northwest are most serviceable when classified with the subject to which they chiefly contribute. No provision is here made for such books, it being expected that the Dewey system will be followed without change and that the library catalog will bring the history student's attention to such resources. When for any reason such books are attracted to a Northwest History collection, they are to be given the General Northwest History number, 979.5, unless other provision has been made.

5. In the University of Washington Library, description and travel are placed with the history of the Pacific Northwest. Libraries wishing to separate travel from history have only to follow the Dewey plan of inserting 1 after the initial 9, at the same time removing the decimal point one place to the left. Explanation of this plan is given in Dewey's Decimal Classification in a note opposite 914-919.

6. Special topics and special regions have been assigned for the State of Washington. For special topics and localities of other States, unassigned numbers are provided. In libraries making a specialty of their own State history, these numbers can be used according to their own peculiar needs. Knowledge of local affairs and of the literature to be classified will determine what is needed. It is not expected that any library will care to use such special topics for States other than its own.

CHARLES W. SMITH.

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- 978.6 MONTANA.
 .605 Periodicals.
 .606 Societies.
 .61 SPECIAL TOPICS. To be assigned when needed.
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- .62 SPECIAL LOCALITIES. To be assigned when needed and
- .621 to cover the literature relating to areas whose boundaries are
- .622 not coincident with county lines.
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- TIES.
- 978.631 Flathead. Kalispell.
- .632 Missoula. Missoula (City).
- .634 Lewis and Clark.
- .635 Helena.
- .636 Powell.
- .637 Granite.
- .638 Ravelli. Hamilton.
- .64 SOUTHWESTERN COUNTIES.
- .641 Beaverhead. Dillon.
- .642 Deer Lodge. Anaconda.
- .643 Silver Bow.
- .644 Butte.
- .645 Jefferson.
- .646 Broadwater.
- .647 Gallatin.
- .648 Madison.
- .65 NORTH CENTRAL COUNTIES.
- .651 Teton.
- .652 Chouteau.
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- .654 Fergus. Lewiston.
- .655 Meagher.
- .656 Cascade.
- .657 Great Falls.
- .66 SOUTH CENTRAL COUNTIES.
- .661. Park. Livingston.
- .662 Sweetgrass. Big Timber.
- .663 Carbon. Red Lodge.
- .664 Yellowstone.
- .665 Crow Indian. Billings.
- .67 NORTHEASTERN COUNTIES.
- .671 Valley. Glasgow.
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- .674 Dawson. Glendive.

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- .68 SOUTHEASTERN COUNTIES.
- .681 Rosebud. Forsyth.
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- .684 Custer. Miles City.
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- 979. PACIFIC. Place here general works on the Pacific Coast.
e. g., Greenhow's Oregon and California.
- .05 Periodicals.
- .06 Societies.
- .1 ARIZONA.
- .2 UTAH.
- .3 NEVADA.
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- 979.5 OLD OREGON. GENERAL NORTHWEST HISTORY,
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54 degrees and forty minutes, north latitude, and from the
Rocky Mountains to the Pacific Ocean.
- .505 Periodicals.
- .506 Societies.
- .51 SPECIAL TOPICS.
- .511 Early discoveries and explorations by water. See also 998,
Arctic regions.
- .512 Early explorations (land). Lewis and Clark. Westward
explorations not limited to this territory are here in-
cluded when of primary importance to the history of
the Pacific Northwest.
- .513 The fur trade. Trapping.
- .514 The Hudson Bay Company.
- .515 The colonizing movement.
- .516 The missionaries, their part in colonizing the section and
their work with the Indians. Whitman Controversy.
- .517 Native races. The Indian wars. See 970.1 to 970.6 for all
works not definitely limited to the Pacific Northwest;
970.2 and 970.3 are to prevail over 979.517. Use 970.7
for Indian language.
- .518 Boundaries. Controversies and settlement of claims.
- .519 Biographies of men closely associated with the region.
- .52 SPECIAL LOCALITIES.
- .521 Columbia river and valley.
- .522 Willamette valley.
- .523 Puget Sound, covering the field down to 1853. For period
since 1853, see 979.723.
- .524 British Columbia. Victoria. Vancouver City.
- .525 Vancouver Island.
- .526 Nootka Sound.

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 - .543 Tillamook.
 - .544 Washington and Yamhill.
 - .545 Multnomah.
 - .546 Portland.
 - .547 Clackamas.
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 - .553 Linn. Albany.
 - .554 Lane. Eugene.
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- .56 SOUTHWESTERN COUNTIES.
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 - .562 Jackson. Jacksonville.
 - .563 Josephine.
 - .564 Curry.
 - .565 Coos. Coquille.
- .57 NORTH CENTRAL COUNTIES.
 - .571 Wasco. The Dalles.
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- .573 Sherman.
- .574 Gilliam.
- .575 Morrow.
- .576 Wheeler.
- .577 Crook.
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- .595 Baker. Baker City.
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- .71 SPECIAL TOPICS.
- .711 Marine history. Ship-building. Lighthouses. Disasters.
- .712 Fishing industry.
- .713 Agriculture. Irrigation.
- .714 Lumber industry. Forest reserves.
- .715 Mining.
- .716 Railroads. Material about steam railway transportation in the State. The building of the roads. Government aid. Litigations. Publications issued by the railroads are classified with the subject treated.
- .717 Native races. See also 979.517.
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- .719 Biographies of men closely associated with the history of the State.
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- 979.9 THE YUKON. With reference from 971.2. This is left vacant below awaiting its development before further subdivision. Works covering both Alaska and the Yukon are classified 979.8 unless the treatment of Alaska is only incidental.

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